

# TELL-E-GRAM

**DECEMBER 21, 2018** 



# **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Workshop Minutes:**

The minutes were approved as changed to include a monologue presented by Board member Pat White at the December 4th workshop meeting.

### **President's Announcements:**

Bruce Johnson welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the final meeting of the year. He then took a moment to recognize Tom Lee as he has reached his term limit and will no longer be serving on the board. He thanked him for his time and service to the board and presented him with a plaque. Tom Lee responded by saying that it has been his honor and pleasure to serve on the board. He then thanked everyone and said he looked forward to working with them in the future.

### **Continuous Improvement:**

Mitzi Lane presented this segment of the meeting. She touched on the steps that the Village has taken to continue to move forward and become more efficient and cost effective. At that time, she then presented the POA with a check for \$160,000 to be placed into the reserve fund.

### **General Manager's Comments:**

Winston Blazer shared a few milestones and accomplishments that Tellico Village

# POA MEETINGS AND EVENTS (RED DENOTES IRREGULARITY OF TIME, DAY, AND/OR LOCATION):

AND/OR LOCATION):
December 27, 9:30 a.m. Long Range, POA Conference Room
GAC has no meeting this month.

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POA has achieved this year. He stated that he had tasked the different department Directors with different projects throughout the year. One of which was having Jeff Gagley investigate the feasibility of putting a water plant here in the village in order to secure a long-term water supply for the village. Jeff found that the cost of this project would cost roughly around \$12M. Mr. Blazer then mentioned the recent switch of phone systems here at the POA, and how this will save at least \$35,000 a year. He went on to state that he estimates the savings will be closer to \$60,000+ in savings annually in the years to come. Winston then proceeded into the Rec department highlights for the year. In Simon Bradbury's short time here, he has created new trails. We now have over 8 miles of hiking trails in the main Village and 6 miles in the Kahite Community. He also successfully oversaw the renovation of the Wellness Center; as well as, established a new kayaking program in the village. Mr. Blazer continued to cover accomplishments ranging from Cris Carter and Parker Owen's creation of a HRA system, the POA's safety program which has consisted of 90+ classes this year alone, to the increase of patients choosing Summit Medical as their primary healthcare provider. He also stated that the ACC will permit 159 new homes for 2018 and that this well exceeds the budgeted amount. Mr. Blazer then mentioned that Beth and her team at the Welcome Center have welcomed 7,784 visitors through the doors this year. 4,599 of those visitors were in the Village on a Discovery Tour.

### **Advisory Committee/Liaison Reports**

**HOA**: Ellen Fox presented this segment. October 1st started their renewals for 2019. During their renewal period Oct.- Nov. '17 they had 490 renewals. This year in the same two-month time frame Oct.-Nov. '18 they had 1,120 renewals. The HOA hosted 127 events in 2018, a few of which had 80+ people in attendance. The HOA socials are averaging around 200 members. The HOA is beginning to move into Social Media, and they are hoping to learn what percentage of their members frequently use social media. The next meeting is Jan. 24th (State of the Village (Parker educating reserves and assessments.) The following meeting will be March 14th- (Cyber security, Marketing Committee). At the January Social a few HOA Board members will be stationed to listen to members concerns and what they want more of. The HOA will look at how/where they can improve communications to our members. So far, they have 6 general meetings planned for 2019. They will also be celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2019.

**Finance Report:** Parker Owen presented this segment. The 2019 budget and 2020 to 2024 Five Year Plan have now been approved, and the Kahite Community Center and Toqua Clubhouse replacement projects have received Board approval. The contractors have been notified of acceptance of their bids, and initial steps are being taken to set up pre-construction meetings and prepare draft schedules for each project. Bank financing of \$1.2M for the Toqua Clubhouse project has been secured. End of year accounting work has begun, and the 2018 Capital Plan is being concluded.

### **Board Goals and Objectives:**

The different members of the Board each took their turn discussing the progress or completion of their assigned goals and objectives for the year. To begin, Tom Lee presented that the construction papers have been signed for the architectural designs for the Toqua Clubhouse. Bruce Johnson said that the same has been done for the architectural designs for the Kahite Annex. Rick Blough discussed the results of their study on the need for covered boat slips. He says that they constructed a survey for residents, and that this did not show any real interest. He recommends looking at the Tanasi Basin and how the POA may add parking. This is budgeted below the line in 2019. Cap Purvis addressed the environmental and beautification issues associated with Tanasi Parking. To remedy the situation, a tree and decorative grass were planted. The lights were also placed on a timing system as opposed to leaving them on all night. Pat White presented his analysis of the need for additional meeting facilities and space. He reviewed all the parking and meeting spaces; his main finding was that the problems stem from a scheduling problem. Mike Colacone presented his study on ways to increase the rounds of revenue as well as reduce the golf subsidy. He suggested the Golf Ad Hoc committee be for restaurants and golf together as it is all part of the golf experience.

### Voting

It was at this time the board adjourned. The meeting then promptly began another meeting, so they could seat the members and their roles for the next year. They welcomed the newest membe, Carla Johnson, to the board and then began the voting process. Bruce Johnson was voted back into President of the Board. His vice president will be Rick Blough. Pat White was named Secretary of the Board. Steve Schneider was appointed as Treasurer of the Board.

### **Committee Assignments:**

Assigned to the Audit Committee were; Carla Johnson, Steve Schneider, and Rick Blough. On the Election Committee: Bruce Johnson, Pat White, and Rick Blough. Carla Johnson, Pat White, and Bruce Johnson were assigned to the Nominating Committee. For the Compensation Committee: Rick Blough and Bruce Johnson were assigned. Finally, the Governmental Affairs Committee was assigned to Rick Blough, Mike Colacone, and Bruce Johnson.

### **Committee Liaisons:**

CAC: Rick Blough LRPAC: Pat White RAC: Steve Schneider GAC: Mike Colacone

Public Service: Cap Purvis and Bruce Johnson

FAC: Cap Purvis

Marketing Group: Carla Johnson Townhouse Association: Carla Johnson

Honors Awards: Rick Blough

ACC: Board members were directed to sign up for two meetings out of the year.

# **CHRISTMAS BUSINESS HOURS**

POA Offices, Welcome Center as well as Tanasi Restaurant: CLOSED on Dec. 24th & 25th.

Wellness Center: Dec. 24th 6 a.m.- 12 p.m. Dec. 25th CLOSED.

Kahite Pub and Grill: Dec. 24th- 25th CLOSED

Toqua Restaurant: Dec. 24th 7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Dec 25th CLOSED.

Yacht Club: Dec. 23rd-30th CLOSED

# TOQUA AND KAHITE PROJECT IMPORTANT DATES

On Tuesday December 18th the construction contracts for the Toqua and Kahite projects were signed.

The replacement of the Toqua Clubhouse and the Kahite Annex is scheduled to get going after the first of the year. The following are a few important dates to keep in mind.

The last day anyone will be able to dine in the Toqua Clubhouse will be December 31, 2018. The clubhouse restaurant will be closed starting the first of the year. Construction will begin the week of January 28th. The time following the shutdown will be used to clean and move all kitchen equipment and supplies. The pro-shop will remain open through construction with normal golf hours. It will operate out of the current facility until the temporary pro-shop is in place around the fourth week of January. The temporary pro-shop will offer drinks and snacks. The pavilion will open again this upcoming spring providing a variety of snacks and sandwiches including hot dogs. The Toqua Pavilion will be available for golfers to use in 2019, but will not be available to book for special events. The new Toqua Clubhouse is expected to open in the fall of 2019.

The last day to use the Kahite Annex will be December 31, 2018. On January 3rd the facility will be prepped for removal. It is expected to be moved on January 21, 2019. This could cause traffic flow problems; therefore, we will communicate a time to the community as we get closer to the event. Construction will take roughly six months to complete.

### Food Options for 2019

The Tanasi Clubhouse will serve breakfast 7 days a week beginning January 14, 2019. Winter hours for the restaurant will be 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., lunch from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and dinner from 3:00 p.m. The Kahite Pub and Grill will be open as well.

The Yacht Club will serve lunch beginning in the early spring of 2019. Exact dates will be published at a later time.



Bruce Johnson signs the contract for the Kahite Annex project with contractors from Merit Construction.

**Left to Right:** Bruce Johnson (Board President), Cap Purvis (Board VP). As well as Steve Brewer, Ricky Comer, and Jeffrey Denton from RTC Contractors signing the Toqua Clubhouse contract.





On behalf of the Kahite Private Funding Group a check for \$148,000 was provided to the POA for funding towards construction of the Portico. Parker Owen accepted the check on behalf of the POA from Tom McPhee and John Everson.

**Pictured left to right:** Tom McPhee, John Everson, Parker Owen

# **WELLNESS CENTER POOL AREA CLOSURE**

Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved, the Wellness Center dehumidification project is about to start. The pool area will be closed beginning December 27th. The estimated down time is 6 weeks. During this time the pools and pool area will be closed for all outside activity. This allows time for contractors to disassemble and remove the old dehumidifier safely so that construction and installation of the new unit can begin!

Any member who would like to continue their swim routine may do so at the Farragut YMCA, or the Blount Memorial Wellness Center at Springbrook at no cost. Both facilities offer indoor swimming, including fitness classes and the Springbrook facility has a warm water therapy pool. There will be special sign in sheets for Tellico Village members to sign in on when they arrive at these facilities. They simply report to the front desk at each facility and let them know they are from Tellico Village.

# LIBRARY CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



# **LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF TEAM TRAVELS TO SERVE OTHERS**

Recently a team from the Community Church at Tellico Village traveled to Wilmington, NC to give assistance to victims of the hurricane that had damaged that community in September.

The initial needs were still great, with many roofs having substantial holes in them leading to water damage and mold within the homes. Downed trees and brush were still blocking entrances and lying in yards. The work team completed work orders for 8 families which involved tarping roofs, removing moldy wallboard along with ceiling board and insultation. They also used chain saws to cut down trees and cleared brush. As they worked, they talked with residents and heard of their heartbreak and gave support. This entire project involved 225 hours of community service.

The team provided emotional and spiritual support as well. They met with 13 families to listen to their stories, pray with them, and offer prayer shawls or lap quilts that had been provided by the Community Church Prayer Shawl group and the Tellico Village Quilt Guild. In addition, our whole team participated in a feeding of the homeless project at the First Baptist Church in Wilmington. This is a weekly event and fed about 60 individuals a night. This ministry began 20 years ago by several teenagers.

Observations by team members were that these survivors were largely people of strong faith which had brought them through their struggles. Many of them were also dealing with personal struggles that preceded the hurricane: one diminutive 82 year old lady who was undergoing chemotherapy and was being supported by relatives and friends, one family that suddenly lost their 31 year old daughter to a brain aneurysm 4 years ago the week we were there, one family whose husband and father was wheelchair bound having been hit by a drunk driver several years before and now living in a trailer with interior mold, one family whose son was murdered in gang violence a year ago, one lady who had undergone four surgeries within the last year and was babysitting a 5 year old whose mother had died from a drug overdose and whose father was in prison related to drug activity.

Many of these were people who did not have sufficient insurance, did not have resources to hire private contractors, or had applied to FEMA with no assurance of when funds would become available. They were overwhelmingly grateful to us and were relying on their faith to carry them through. As one of the team members observed, "I wanted to be a blessing to these people, but instead I was the one who was blessed. I was truly inspired by the faith and fortitude of these individuals who were staying positive, strong and faithful despite the tragedies that had befallen them." We were also inspired by the team of high school teenagers from Kentucky who were there with their teachers doing hard physical labor to satisfy a requirement for community service.

This was the second venture for the Community Church at Tellico Village Disaster Relief Team. Their first mission was a similar trip to southern Florida a year ago. The Disaster Relief Team hopes that others will join them and come to know the joys of serving in this way. From the teenagers we encountered doing mission work, to the 88-year-old who served on the team, it became obvious that there are jobs that can be done by anyone. Anyone can respond to the call to serve others. If you have an interest in serving please contact the church offices.

The Community Church at Tellico Village is an inter-denominational church, welcoming all faiths with services on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Serving the local communities in Loudon and Monroe counties.

For more information and to listen to their message at: www.TellicoChurch.org

130 Chota Center Loudon, TN 37774 mail@tellicochurch.org Phone: 865.458.1516







### TELLICO VILLAGE VFW



# **Veterans Helping Veterans**





https://www.tellicovillagevfwpost.org/

# TCF INVESTS IN TELLICO VILLAGE 'SENIORS IN NEED'

Over the years the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department (TVVFD) has noticed a trend evolving: many of its calls involve providing lift assistance to older Tellico Village residents. Concurrently, STAYinTV maintenance teams have observed different unsafe situations cropping up in the Village homes they serviced. Other caregivers have discovered some prescriptions not being completed or improperly taken. These are just some of the challenges facing older Villagers.

No one organization that services the community's older population had an overarching view of what the actual needs were of this senior segment of the Village and what might best be followed-up by counselors or clinical professionals. Confidentiality concerns, HIPAA, and other regulations often restrict Tellico Village's service organizations from any further involvement.

In response to this need, the Tellico Community Foundation (TCF) has awarded a \$1500 grant to Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services, Inc. (SCHAS) to initiate an assessment of Tellico Villages' seniors needs.

SCHAS will use the grant for in-home 'Assessment and Referral' or more commonly called Case Management Services. A key provision of this award provides for an in-home visit by a certified caregiver and/or clinical professional that would be provided free of charge to residents. Based upon this initial assessment, SCHAS could provide continuing services subject to compensation by individual client or they could refer residents to established agencies and programs.

SCHAS is accredited through the National Association for Home Care and Hospice. They are a non-profit organization serving 20 east Tennessee counties, including Loudon and Monroe. With over 47 years in business, SCHAS provides care-giver, counseling and referral, hospice, and other in-home support for seniors in need. SCHAS would use their Lenoir City Office to support this program. Molly Simerly, SCHAS' Loudon County Co-Director, stated "SCHAS is excited about this program and is looking forward to working with the many volunteer organizations in Tellico Village to reach those in need".

Initially, SCHAS will work with TVVFD, STAYinTV and other service and charitable organizations to prepare informational materials, and develop procedures to identify, respond, and follow-up on potential cases. Rigid protocols will be instituted so home visits would be approved in advance with a senior in need and be conducted with utmost confidentiality. Program materials and contact information will be

**Photo caption:** SCHAS grant presentation attendees include (from left to right) John and Terri Bordelon with Tellico Community



Foundation, Mike McClamroch and Trudy Hughes with East Tennessee Foundation, Molly Simerly and Jessica Popek with Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

# **LAST TIKI FRIDAY OF THE YEAR**

The Last Tiki Friday of the Year will be December 21st and will feature the Pistol Creek Band. We look forward to seeing you there!

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP



For children up to 11 years old. Starts at 2:00 and runs through 3:30 p.m. Supplies will be furnished for more information callor email to, 423-884-6729, and vonorepubliclibrary@yahoo.com

# **TELLICO VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

The magic of Christmas Eve: Candlelight services will be held on December 24th at 4:30 and 7:00 PM.

Additional information may be obtained by calling/emailing the number below.

Church Location: 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN Church office phone number: 865 458 1516 Web site: http://www.tellicochurch.com

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Monday, December 24 at 4 pm: Christmas Eve Worhsip

Find quiet in the midst of this busy season - Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church invites you to join together on Wednesday evenings during Advent as they gather in the sanctuary by candlelight for a contemplative service of prayer, readings and song. Worship is at 5 pm followed by a simple meal of soup, bread and dessert at 5:45pm.

# **LADIES LUNCHEON**



### Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon

#### When:

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 10 AM to 1 PM

#### Where:

The Yacht Club 100 Sequoyah Rd, Loudon, TN 37774

865-458-4363

### Guest Charity Baker:

January desserts are provided by the Tellico VFW Post 12135 and are \$3 each. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the many veteran programs sponsored by the VFW.

### January Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show



Join us as we begin the New Year and declare "Fashion is Queen"!

Fashions: Presented by The Good Neighbors

January Vendors: The Lacy, Good Neighbors Shoppe, Bill's Knick Knacks, Author's Guild Books, Rainwater Farm Specialty Soaps, Doterra Essential Oils, Silver Smith, and White Oak Studio and Gallery

Table Centerpieces: The Lacy, Deborah Taylor

Music: Provided by Linda Schuessler.

January Menu: Braised Short Ribs on top of whipped potatoes and seasonal vegetables. No Substitutions Please.

Buy Tickets: \$15.00 paid reservations can be made at the Yacht Club by the Deadline of Friday, December 21, 2018. You may also buy tickets at the preceding Luncheon, HOA or New Villagers Socials.

### **NEW VILLAGERS SOCIAL**

The next New Villagers Social will be held Thursday, January 3, 2019, 4:30pm at the Yacht Club. New members should arrive promptly by 4:00pm. Please note that no event sign-ups will be accepted before 4:30pm. Visit the New Villagers Club website for more information. www.telliconewvillagers.com

### **BEGINNER TAI CHI**

New Beginner Tai Chi Class Starting January 3, 2019

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA will offer a beginner Tai Chi class, 10:30 - noon on Thursdays, starting January 3, 2019 in the Wellness Center. (You do not need to be a member of the Wellness Center to attend.) This four-month class covers a 108-move Tai Chi set.

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese internal martial art - widely known for its health benefits. These include increased flexibility, strength, improved balance, and a calmer mind. Tai Chi can be practiced by people of all ages and physical abilities.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA is a tax-exempt, charitable organization whose accredited volunteer instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Taoist Tai Chi arts.

For more information, contact Gail Eades at 865 - 599 - 6785 or visit www.taoist.org.

### **TELLICO COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

Tickets on sale now

Word Players present Gulf View Drive, part of Nibroc Trilogy

Tickets are on sale for Gulf View Drive, the third play of the Arlene Hutton Nibroc Trilogy, presented by The Knoxville Word Players at the Tellico Community Playhouse.

Performance dates for this three-day run are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 4 & 5, and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 6 at the Playhouse, 304 Lakeside Plaza, Tellico Village, Loudon

Reserved seats at \$21 can be purchased on the Players website: www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org. (Click on tickets to purchase.) The Playhouse box office will be open January 2-4, 10 am - 2 pm to assist with any ticket issues.

Hutton's Nibroc Trilogy began with Last Train to Nibroc (1999) and continued with See Rock City (2005). In the first two plays, a young pair of Kentuckians named May and Raleigh meet, fall in love, marry and try to reconcile marital expectations and their opinionated mothers-in-law.

In Gulf View Drive, the time frame has moved from World War II to 1953, and May and Raleigh have moved to Florida, where the crush of dreams, families and the turbulence of events just outside their door threaten their comfortable life. Their dream house shrinks as relatives descend, further testing the couple's love in this glimpse of life in the 1950s, as they make unconventional decisions in a changing world.







# JANUARY 14, 2019 MUDDY BOOTS HIKE

# East Lakeshore - Jackson Bend Branch Description:

This close-to-home hike is the perfect introduction to the East Lakeshore Trails across the lake from Tellico Village and showcases a variety of landscapes and scenic views. Our hike will cover a portion of the Jackson Bend Branch. Starting from the parking lot and trailhead at Peterson Road and the East Tellico Parkway, we will hike north parallel to the parkway, before crossing it and following the eastern shore of Lake Tellico. We'll proceed about 2-1/2 miles, to a point across the lake from Rarity Bay. Here we will take a brief break at a bench/overlook and then we'll re-trace our steps back to the trailhead for a total of about 4.5 miles.

Distance: 4.5 miles

Rating: Easy

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Chota Center (across from the Marathon Gas station).

Drive Time: Approximately 17 miles, 27 minutes

Muddy Boots Coordinators
Phil Brenner phil.brenner@hotmail.com 703-774-4778
Kevin Fusco velkfabfour@gmail.com 561-213-0449

### HOA

January 24, 2019 from 4- 6pm

Be Informed: HOA General Meetings



The HomeOwners Association (HOA) hosts general meetings of interest several times throughout the year in a Town Hall format.

These meetings are open to all Tellico Village residents and property owners.

Join us on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at the Tellico Community Church for the:

### "STATE OF THE VILLAGE"

Learn about the "State of The Village" with informative presentations by the POA, HOA, TellicoLife, StayinTV, TV Library, and the Tellico Community Fund.

These presentations will look-back at last year's accomplishments and what these organizations are planning for the coming year.

Questions or suggestions, please contact Ken Litke, klitke204@gmail.com.







### PET OF THE WEEK: BRUNO

Bruno is a 2 ½ year old male Welsh Corgi/beagle mix. He is an adorable medium sized dog who is housetrained. He has been neutered. The ideal placement for Bruno would be with a single female. It seems Bruno may have had a bad prior experience with men and children and responds best to females he is a loving dog who is willing to learn new behaviors and tricks. He just needs someone to teach him!

Are you looking to get your dog a special gift for Christmas? Many gifts can be found for under \$20. How about a new coat or sweater to keep him warm while he's outside? There is also a treat ball where the dog must roll around the ball until the treats fall out. How about a cooling mat to keep him cool during the hot days of Summer? For those of you who get sore muscles from tossing tennis balls into your yard, there's a ball launcher to do it for you. Lastly, pet grooming gloves give your dog a wonderful massage while helping you get rid of all that excess hair! For all the unconditional love we get from our furbabies, a special gift could be just the right choice for the holidays.

Are you looking for unique gifts for your human family members? Our Thrift shop located at 3949 Highway 411 in Madisonville (across from Kentucky Fried Chicken) is the perfect place for your shopping needs. If you haven't been there for a while, you might be missing out on some tremendous bargains. New merchandise arrives daily and is priced to move. Clothing, shoes, furniture, kitchenware, bedding, appliances, books - we've got it all. Donations are greatly appreciated and are accepted Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am-3:30 pm. All proceeds go to help the homeless animals of Monroe County. Shopping hours are Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and worker volunteers are always in high demand. Like us on Facebook for up to date sale information. 423-420-3412

All animals adopted are spayed or neutered, have age appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped with registration.

Shelter Statistics for last week: Intakes-25; Shelter Adoptions-19, including 11 cats from the PetSmart Cat Adoption Day; Returned 1 cat and 1 dog to their owners-2; transferred 3 animals to our rescue partners.

The Monroe County Animal Shelter is located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart) and is open Tuesday-Friday from 11-4:30 and Saturdays from 11-2. Call 423-442-1015 for more information and check out all available pets on our website at www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org. The official Facebook page is "TN Monroe County Animal Shelter." Adoption Gift Certificates are available all year.

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? The Monroe County Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers. Perhaps you could help man the front desk or help with other administrative duties. Maybe you'd enjoy being a dog walker. Perhaps you're good at grant writing or fund raising. Whatever your skill, you're needed at the shelter. Please contact us!

